

Awards to Disabled Workers

Table 37.
Distribution of workers under age 50, by diagnostic group, selected years 1975–2003

Year	Total	Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases ^a	Injuries	Mental disorders ^b			Neoplasms
						Total	Retardation	Other	
Number									
1975	183,493	3,712	6,511	3,357	17,945	42,119	--	--	15,588
1981	123,090	1,945	5,188	1,209	13,327	24,633	--	--	15,017
1982	109,279	1,579	4,739	1,096	11,088	21,654	--	--	14,581
1983	120,606	1,429	5,630	3,759	10,036	35,331	--	--	14,827
1984	140,792	1,375	5,750	1,528	9,535	43,680	--	--	16,173
1985	158,152	1,438	7,534	1,510	10,357	49,313	--	--	16,857
1986	188,355	1,202	10,816	1,534	1,882	89,821	--	--	16,318
1987	184,481	498	12,405	3,262	13,064	58,970	--	--	17,595
1988	183,017	326	5,848	1,383	12,590	63,282	--	--	16,859
1989	189,708	311	6,088	2,497	12,761	64,093	--	--	19,298
1990	215,381	317	7,190	19,290	12,929	77,901	--	--	21,597
1991	255,448	384	8,949	24,838	13,892	94,345	--	--	23,162
1992	313,175	404	15,349	34,766	13,691	125,609	--	--	26,485
1993	312,619	350	15,550	33,072	12,690	126,586	--	--	27,841
1994	292,987	384	15,107	31,210	11,563	116,812	--	--	30,791
1995	308,624	472	14,963	23,736	15,325	108,516	13,731	94,785	22,367
1996	294,077	513	15,013	19,633	15,674	95,089	11,661	83,428	21,940
1997	265,019	435	14,667	12,361	14,401	85,486	10,679	74,807	21,245
1998	273,282	462	15,768	9,817	14,321	90,072	11,880	78,192	22,093
1999	259,680	370	15,426	8,667	13,399	86,642	9,341	77,301	21,960
2000	269,800	d	6,000	6,900	16,200	98,300	14,400	83,900	21,100
2001	296,800	d	7,300	8,900	12,900	118,700	20,200	98,500	20,600
2002	322,539	796	7,875	7,677	13,952	128,791	19,544	109,247	23,725
2003	325,723	857	7,944	7,559	13,716	130,964	16,605	114,359	23,381

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Year	Diseases of the—									Other	Unknown ^c
	Blood and blood-forming organs	Circulatory system	Digestive system	Genito-urinary system	Musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue	Nervous system and sense organs	Respiratory system	Skin and subcutaneous tissue			
Number											
1975	748	30,293	5,856	2,534	30,635	17,326	5,459	954	456	--	
1981	516	15,278	3,000	3,314	21,076	14,478	3,189	687	d	d	
1982	416	14,309	2,761	1,740	17,889	13,882	2,757	538	250	--	
1983	457	13,589	2,292	2,540	14,158	13,456	2,434	486	d	d	
1984	537	13,508	2,304	1,711	14,295	14,041	2,463	475	270	13,147	
1985	472	13,650	2,756	1,791	15,060	14,724	2,771	485	--	19,434	
1986	688	13,946	3,020	1,684	17,148	16,295	3,043	537	--	10,421	
1987	739	16,518	2,764	3,005	20,519	19,057	3,535	659	--	11,891	
1988	867	15,535	3,158	4,257	23,285	18,364	3,771	457	13,035	--	
1989	946	14,224	3,311	5,364	22,628	18,896	3,464	404	15,424	--	
1990	1,094	15,157	3,693	6,171	22,068	20,627	3,538	428	3,381	--	
1991	1,218	16,559	4,403	6,437	29,444	22,795	4,073	524	4,425	--	
1992	1,478	18,775	5,182	7,595	26,347	26,120	4,599	573	6,202	--	
1993	1,342	19,040	5,328	7,812	26,920	24,901	4,664	593	5,930	--	
1994	1,278	16,949	5,537	8,840	17,918	25,350	4,929	572	5,747	--	
1995	1,250	17,490	6,036	6,705	51,664	24,814	5,705	899	6,859	1,823	
1996	1,118	17,608	6,308	6,872	54,008	24,412	5,747	945	9,197	--	
1997	1,053	16,333	6,029	6,724	48,741	23,479	5,286	826	6,565	1,388	
1998	1,072	16,607	6,683	7,066	50,426	24,297	5,517	851	7,000	1,230	
1999	1,031	15,065	7,022	7,172	49,302	23,386	4,783	783	4,383	289	
2000	d	15,900	6,900	8,500	51,900	25,000	5,400	d	4,700	--	
2001	d	16,900	7,600	9,900	50,400	29,900	5,200	d	4,600	1,000	
2002	1,481	18,348	7,999	8,649	58,796	31,571	6,221	877	945	4,836	
2003	1,405	18,479	8,178	8,738	60,594	31,514	6,663	848	920	3,963	

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						Total	Retardation	Other		
<i>Percent</i>										
1975	100.0	2.0	3.5	1.8	9.8	23.0	--	--	8.5	
1981	100.0	1.6	4.2	1.0	10.8	20.0	--	--	12.2	
1982	100.0	1.4	4.3	1.0	10.1	19.8	--	--	13.3	
1983	100.0	1.2	4.7	3.1	8.3	29.3	--	--	12.3	
1984	100.0	1.0	4.1	1.1	6.8	31.0	--	--	11.5	
1985	100.0	0.9	4.8	1.0	6.5	31.2	--	--	10.7	
1986	100.0	0.6	5.7	0.8	1.0	47.7	--	--	8.7	
1987	100.0	0.3	6.7	1.8	7.1	32.0	--	--	9.5	
1988	100.0	0.2	3.2	0.8	6.9	34.6	--	--	9.2	
1989	100.0	0.2	3.2	1.3	6.7	33.8	--	--	10.2	
1990	100.0	0.1	3.3	9.0	6.0	36.2	--	--	10.0	
1991	100.0	0.2	3.5	9.7	5.4	36.9	--	--	9.1	
1992	100.0	0.1	4.9	11.1	4.4	40.1	--	--	8.5	
1993	100.0	0.1	5.0	10.6	4.1	40.5	--	--	8.9	
1994	100.0	0.1	5.2	10.7	3.9	39.9	--	--	10.5	
1995	100.0	0.2	4.8	7.7	5.0	35.2	4.4	30.7	7.2	
1996	100.0	0.2	5.1	6.7	5.3	32.3	4.0	28.4	7.5	
1997	100.0	0.2	5.5	4.7	5.4	32.3	4.0	28.2	8.0	
1998	100.0	0.2	5.8	3.6	5.2	33.0	4.3	28.6	8.1	
1999	100.0	0.1	5.9	3.3	5.2	33.4	3.6	29.8	8.5	
2000	100.0	d	2.2	2.6	6.0	36.5	5.4	31.2	7.8	
2001	100.0	d	2.5	3.0	4.3	40.0	6.8	33.2	6.9	
2002	100.0	0.2	2.4	2.4	4.3	39.9	6.1	33.9	7.4	
2003	100.0	0.3	2.4	2.3	4.2	40.2	5.1	35.1	7.2	

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<i>Percent</i>										
1975	0.4	16.5	3.2	1.4	16.7	9.4	3.0	0.5	0.2	--
1981	0.4	12.4	2.4	2.7	17.1	11.8	2.6	0.6	d	d
1982	0.4	13.1	2.5	1.6	16.4	12.7	2.5	0.5	0.2	--
1983	0.4	11.3	1.9	2.1	11.7	11.2	2.0	0.4	d	d
1984	0.4	9.6	1.6	1.2	10.2	10.0	1.7	0.3	0.2	9.3
1985	0.3	8.6	1.7	1.1	9.5	9.3	1.8	0.3	--	12.3
1986	0.4	7.4	1.6	0.9	9.1	8.7	1.6	0.3	--	5.5
1987	0.4	9.0	1.5	1.6	11.1	10.3	1.9	0.4	--	6.4
1988	0.5	8.5	1.7	2.3	12.7	10.0	2.1	0.2	7.1	--
1989	0.5	7.5	1.7	2.8	11.9	10.0	1.8	0.2	8.1	--
1990	0.5	7.0	1.7	2.9	10.2	9.6	1.6	0.2	1.6	--
1991	0.5	6.5	1.7	2.5	11.5	8.9	1.6	0.2	1.7	--
1992	0.5	6.0	1.7	2.4	8.4	8.3	1.5	0.2	2.0	--
1993	0.4	6.1	1.7	2.5	8.6	8.0	1.5	0.2	1.9	--
1994	0.4	5.8	1.9	3.0	6.1	8.7	1.7	0.2	2.0	--
1995	0.4	5.7	2.0	2.2	16.7	8.0	1.8	0.3	2.2	0.6
1996	0.4	6.0	2.1	2.3	18.4	8.3	2.0	0.3	3.1	--
1997	0.4	6.2	2.3	2.5	18.4	8.9	2.0	0.3	2.5	0.5
1998	0.4	6.1	2.4	2.6	18.5	8.9	2.0	0.3	2.6	0.5
1999	0.4	5.8	2.7	2.8	19.0	9.0	1.8	0.3	1.7	0.1
2000	d	5.9	2.6	3.2	19.3	9.3	2.0	d	1.7	--
2001	d	5.7	2.6	3.3	17.0	10.1	1.8	d	1.6	0.3
2002	0.5	5.7	2.5	2.7	18.2	9.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	1.5
2003	0.4	5.7	2.5	2.7	18.6	9.7	2.0	0.3	0.3	1.2

SOURCES: Social Security Administration. For years before 2000, *Annual Statistical Supplement* to the *Social Security Bulletin*, based on the Master Beneficiary Record, various sampling rates; for 2000–2001, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file, 1 percent data; data after 2001 are 100 percent data from that file.

NOTES: Data exclude closed period awards and expedited reinstatement cases.

Before 1995, diagnostic data for cases awarded at the appeals levels were estimated on the basis of the diagnosis of cases allowed at the initial disability determination level.

Effective 2001, the Social Security Administration initiated a special review of 130,000 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who are potentially eligible for Social Security disability benefits because of earnings while receiving SSI. Many of these claims awarded since 2001 were for individuals under age 35 who were diagnosed with a mental disorder.

-- = not available.

- a. AIDS and HIV records are counted in Infectious and Parasitic Diseases. Before 1990, they were included in Other.
- b. Mental retardation was not identified separately before 1995.
- c. Beginning with 2002, several ill-defined impairment codes were reclassified and added to Unknown.
- d. Data not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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